RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 21st December, 1995/ 30th Agrahayana, 1917 (Saka).

The House met at eleven of the clock, **Mr. Chairman** in the Chair

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Shrimati Vijaya Raje, a former Member of this House from the State of Bihar, on the 19th December, 1995.

Born in the erstwhile State of Dhar of Madhya Pradesh in September, 1919, Shrimati Vijaya Raje had her education at her native place. She took active part in social activities in Central India and was associated with several social and welfare organisations. She was also President of the Red Cross Society and Girls Guide Association in the erstwhile State of Dhar in Madhya Pradesh.

Shrimati Vijaya Raje was a Member of the Rajya Sabha from April, 1952 to March, 1957. Thereafter, she was elected to the Lok Sabha and was a Member of the Second, Third and Fourth Lok Sabha. She evinced keen interest in the proceedings of the House and made significant contribution towards women and child welfare.

We deeply mourn the passing away of Shrimati Vijaya Raje.

I request Members to rise in their places and observe silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

(Hon. Members then stood in silence for one minute.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Secretary-General will convey to the members of the bereaved family our sense of profound sorrow and deep sympathy.

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: What happened to the demand for a House Committee, Sir? ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Sir, what happened to the demand for a House Committee? ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M.A. BABY: Sir, the Government should come forward and make a statement agreeing to the appointment of a House Committee. *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Sir, it is reported in the newspapers that the Prime Minister has refused to have a JPC. *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Sir, kindly permit me to say something. *(Interruptions)*... Please appoint a House Committee. *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Sir, the Prime Minister has refused to have a JPC. *(Interruptions)*... He is not coming to the House. *(Interruptions)*... He is stating this outside the Parliament. *(Interruptions)*... It is a contempt of Parliament. *(Interruptions)*...

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MR. CHAIRMAN: I will consult the Government...*(Interruptions)*... I will consult the Leader of the House, if you agree to it, because it is futile without their consent. *(Interruptions)*. I adjourn the House till tomorrow for a deeper consideration of the issue.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Deterioration in services in CGHS dispensaries

*361. PROF. I.G. SANADI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether medical services being provided to the Central Government employees and VIPs in the CGHS dispensaries, New Delhi have deteriorated;

(b) whether beneficiaries who come for treatment are turned away by some doctors to their junior colleagues;

(c) whether complaints have been received from beneficiaries since July, 1995, against the doctors;

(d) if so, the action taken in the matter; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to motivate doctors to examine patients willingly and not to turn them away under one pretext or the other?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (e) No, Sir. However, instructions have been issued to Chief Medical Officers incharge of dispensaries in New Delhi to extend courteous, sympathetic and helpful behaviour towards patients.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Appropriate action is taken against the erring doctors.

CGHS facilities to retired employees

*362. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 415 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th November, 1995 and state:

(a) whether retired employees of those Instrumentalities of Government of India which are not providing CGHS facilities to their employees, can also avail themselves of CGHS facilities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As CGHS is meant for Central Government employees, it has been decided by the Government not to extend the CGHS facilities to the employees and retired employees of any other Instrumentalities.

Jawahar Rozgar Yojana

*363. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the year of introduction of the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY);

(b) the salient features thereof;

(c) the achievements made under JRY in each State since then; and

(d) the steps taken to make the scheme more effective?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA): (a). The Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) was launched from 01.04.1989.

(b) The salient features of the scheme are as under:—

(i) Generation of additional gainful employment for unemployed and under employed persons both men and women in the rural areas;

(ii) Creation of sustained employment by strengthening economic rural infrastructure;

(iii) Creation of assets in favour of rural poor particularly the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for their direct and continuing benefits;

(iv) Creation of community and social assets;

(v) Improvement in the overall quality of life in the rural areas;

(vi) People below the poverty line constitute the target group under the JRY.

(vii) Preference is given to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and freed bonded labourers for employment under the Yojana;

(viii) 30% of the employment opportunities under the Yojana is reserved for women.